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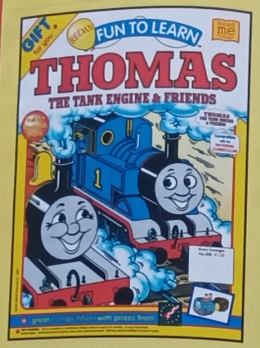

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A read aloud story

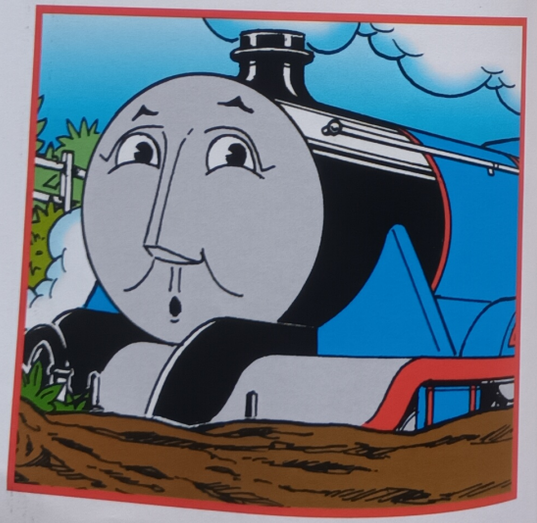
TERENCE HELPS GORDON

1 Tank engines, like Thomas, can go backwards just as easily as they can go forwards. Tender engines, like Gordon, do not go backwards as well. Going forwards is much easier. One windy day, Thomas was going backwards, moving some trucks across the yard. Gordon saw him and said, "Look at you, Thomas. I always said you were a backwards engine!"

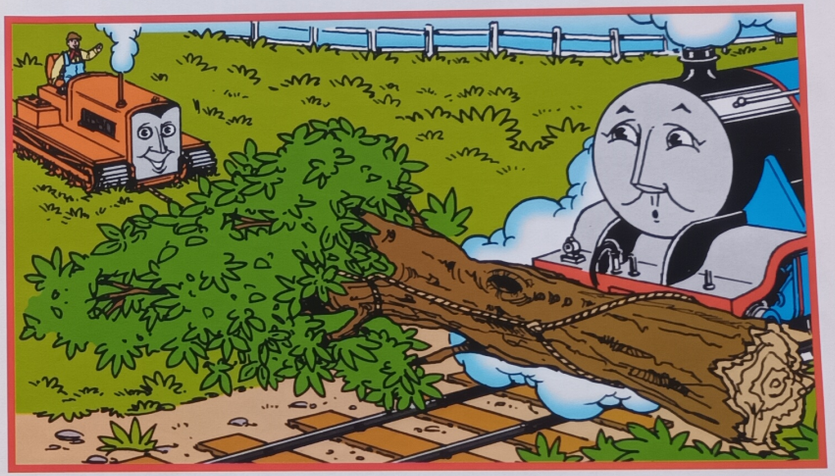
2 Gordon continued, "You should move forwards like me!" Gordon was only joking, as he knows Thomas is a Really Useful Engine. Gordon set off to pull the express. He was steaming quickly across the countryside, when he saw something on the track up ahead.

3 "Stop! Stop!" he shouted to his driver. The driver shut off steam and applied the brakes. Gordon came to a halt in front of a tree that had been blown down and now lay across the tracks. Gordon's fireman ran off to find a telephone to call the signalman.

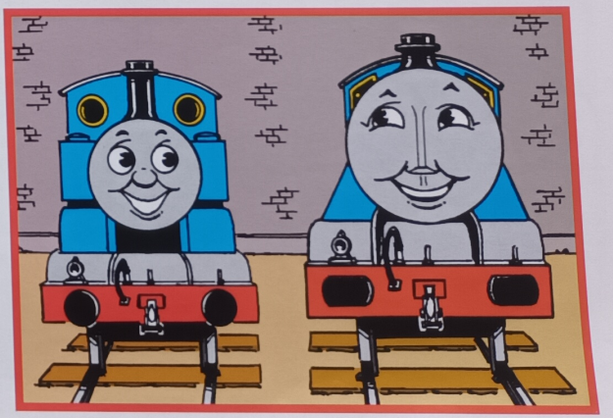
4 Meanwhile, the passengers were getting cross because their train had been stopped. The driver said, "If we can't get this tree moved, Gordon, you will have to go backwards to the last station we passed and let the passengers off there." Gordon didn't like the sound of that!



5 Just then, Terence the Tractor appeared by the railway. "Hello, Gordon," he said, "I met your fireman who told me you were stuck." Ropes were tied around the fallen tree and attached to Terence. Terence pulled backwards on the ropes, then pushed the tree forwards to make it loose. At last he was able to drag the tree off the line. The passengers cheered. Gordon blew his whistle and set off again.



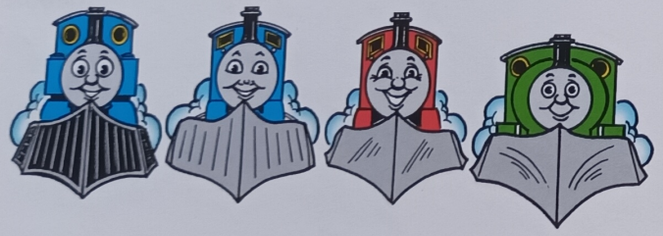
6 That night, when the engines were in their shed after a hard day's work, Gordon told Thomas all about it. "Sometimes," he said, "being able to go backwards as well as forwards is very helpful."



COUNTING TIME

Lots of things on the Fat Controller's railway go backwards as well as forwards. Here are some of them for you to count.

coaches



snow ploughs

flat wagons

brake vans

trucks

luggage trolleys

mountain engine

Bill is moving **forwards** and Tim is moving **backwards**.

Tim

Bill

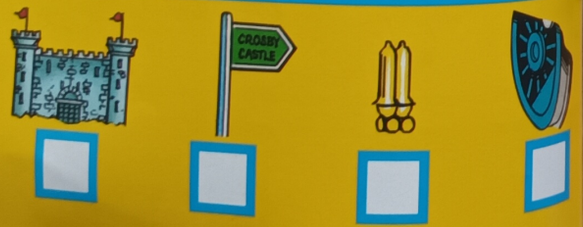
Colour in Bill and Tim.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

TO THE CASTLE

Look and Find

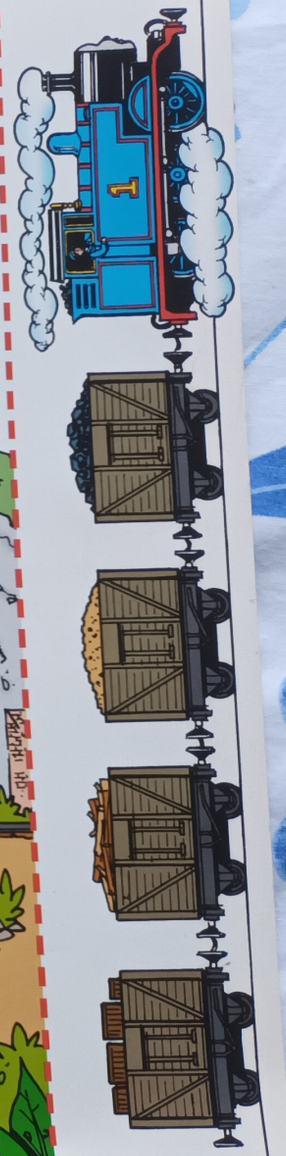
Tick ✓ the boxes when you find each small object in the big picture above.



BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

Watch Thomas and his trucks go backwards and forwards, in and out of the tunnel.

1. Carefully remove this page after you have finished reading your magazine.
2. Cut out the strip on the right, along the dotted line.
3. Get a grown-up to make two slits as marked at either end of the tunnel and thread Thomas and his trucks **backwards** and **forwards** through the tunnel.



HERE AND THERE

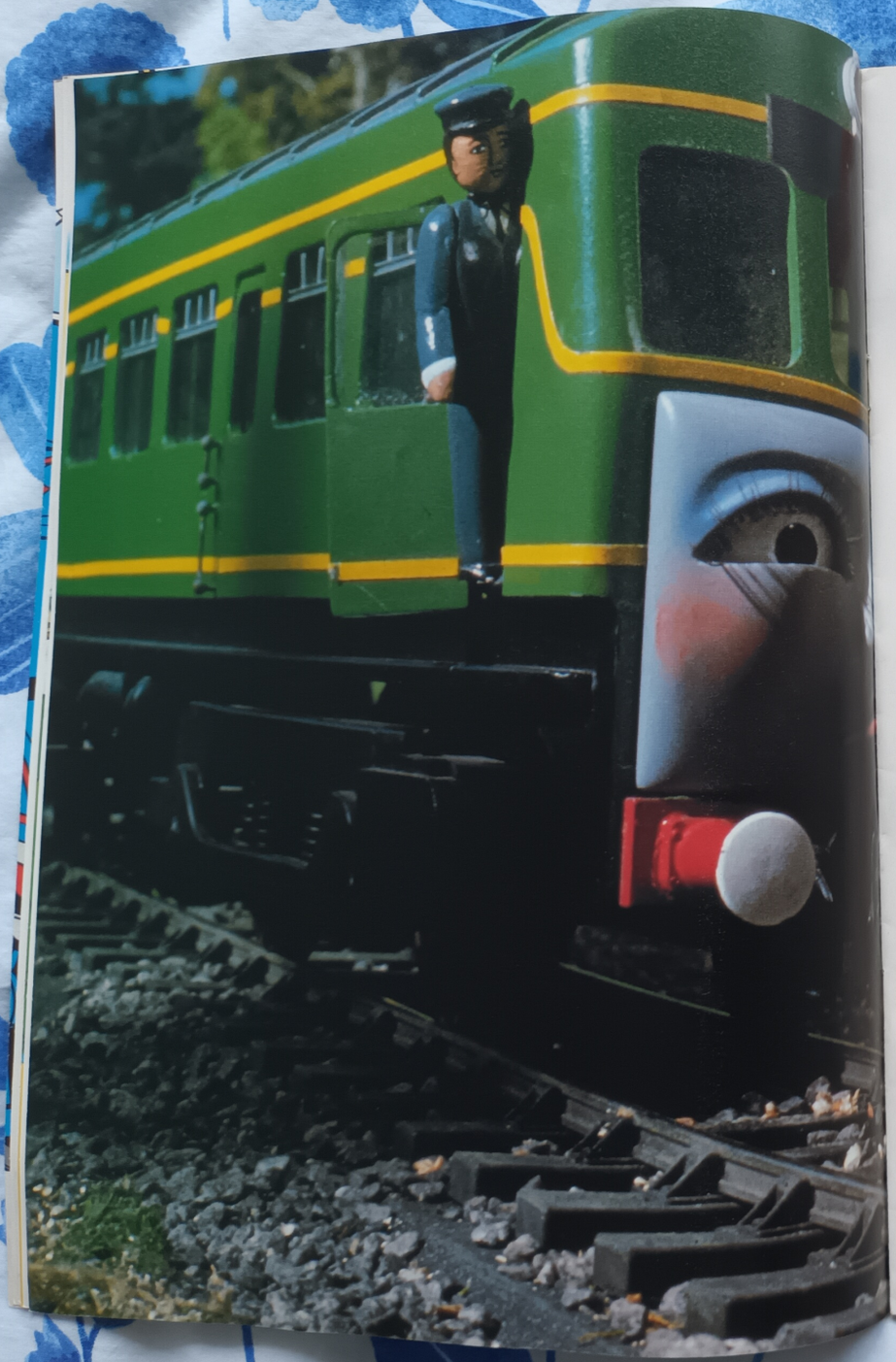
Sir Handel seems to be having trouble pulling Duncan forwards out of the tunnel. "You're too heavy, Duncan!" he complains. **Point to the tunnel.**

Thanks to his whirly arms, Harold can go backwards and forwards and up and down very easily. He is very useful over land and sea. **Point to Harold's helicopter blades.**

George the Steamroller goes backwards and forwards over the tarmac with his big, heavy wheels to make a nice, flat road.

How many people can you see in the picture?

Percy is moving backwards to couple onto some coaches. **Colour in the box below the same colour as the coach.**



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connect

What is making the Fat Controller rock backwards and forwards? Finish off the picture by joining the dots to see.

It is a

rocking chair

(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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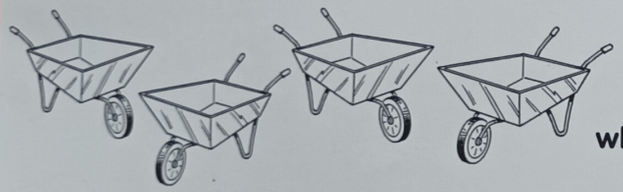
count

Write the numbers in the boxes.

breakdown train

fork-lift trucks



wheelbarrows

push chairs

levers

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

colour

Draw **Culdee** in the space.

C is for Culdee

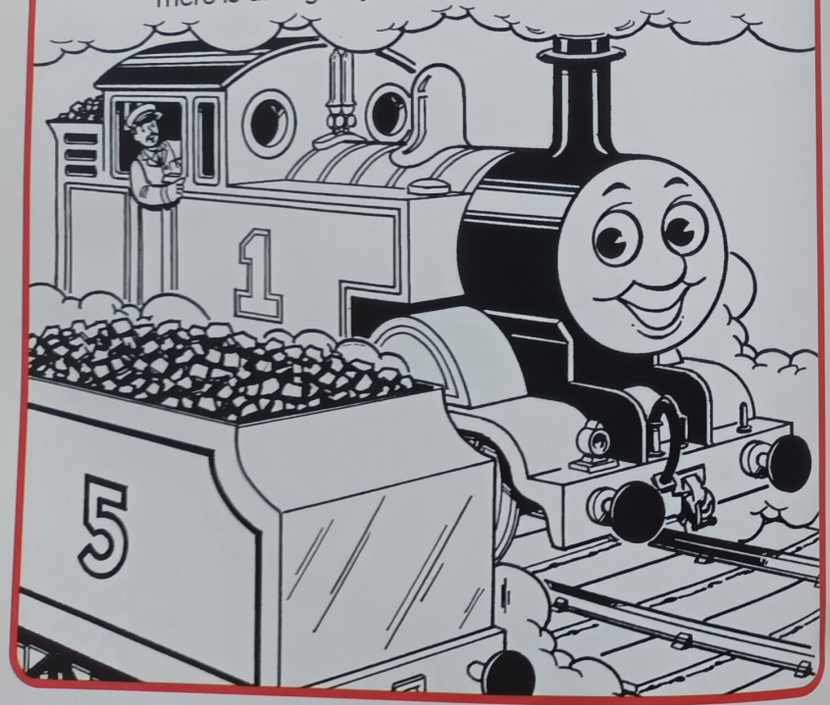
(write over the letters, starting at the dots)

Draw lines to match each porter to one just like him but going the other way.

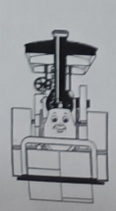
Draw a circle round the porter that is the **odd one out**.

BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

Thomas goes forwards, towards the next station,
Pulling a train with great dedication.
Then, into a siding, backwards he goes,
Shunting some trucks into neat, tidy rows.
Going backwards or forwards, we know it's true,
There is always a job for Thomas to do!

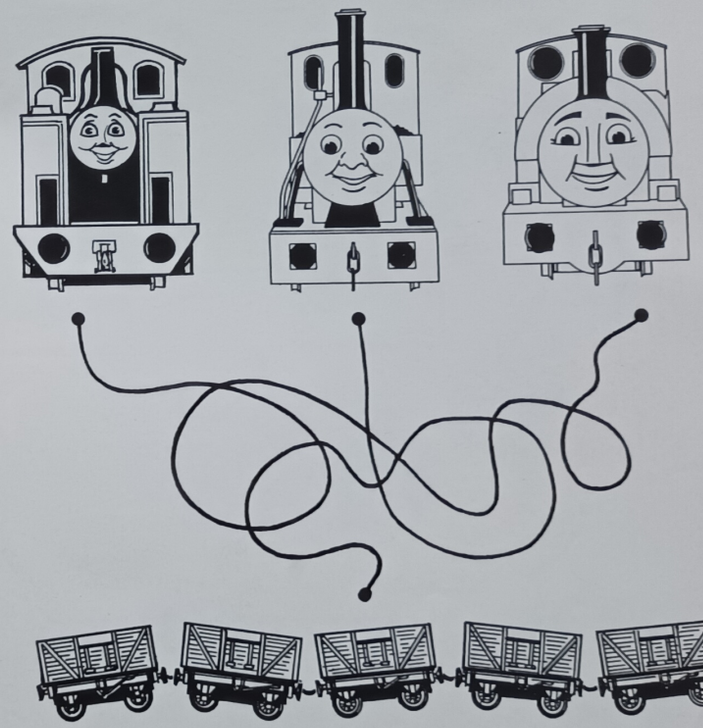


Draw a circle round something that goes backwards and forwards.



Follow the lines from each engine to see which one is going to shunt these trucks backwards.

Culdee **Duncan** **Sir Handel**



Write the name on the dotted line. .....

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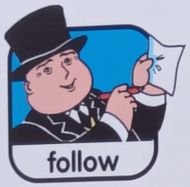

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Thomas through the tunnel

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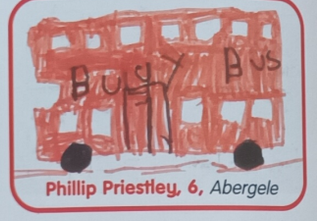

Phillip Priestley, 6, *Abergele*

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Puff, Puff, Thomas

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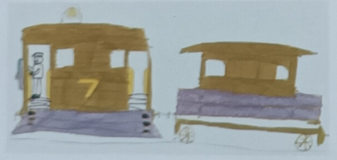
Toby and Henrietta



Ben Wood, 7, *Kent*

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PEEP PEEP

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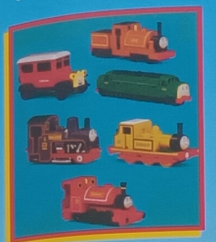

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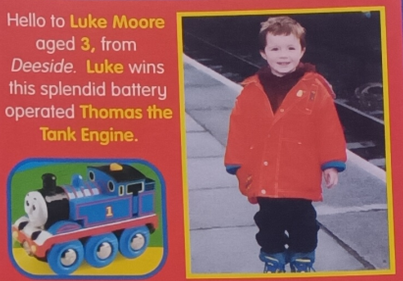

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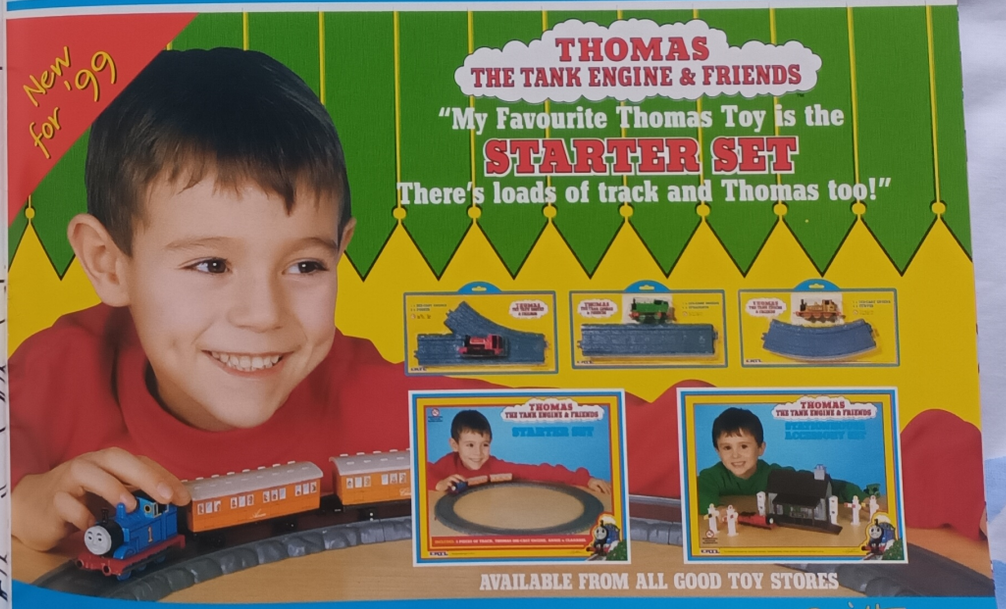

ERTL Which One's Your Favourite? Britt

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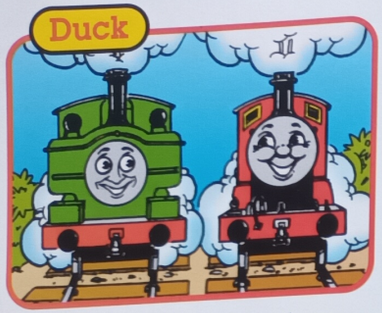


Duck is a tank engine. Sometimes, he works on the same line as James.

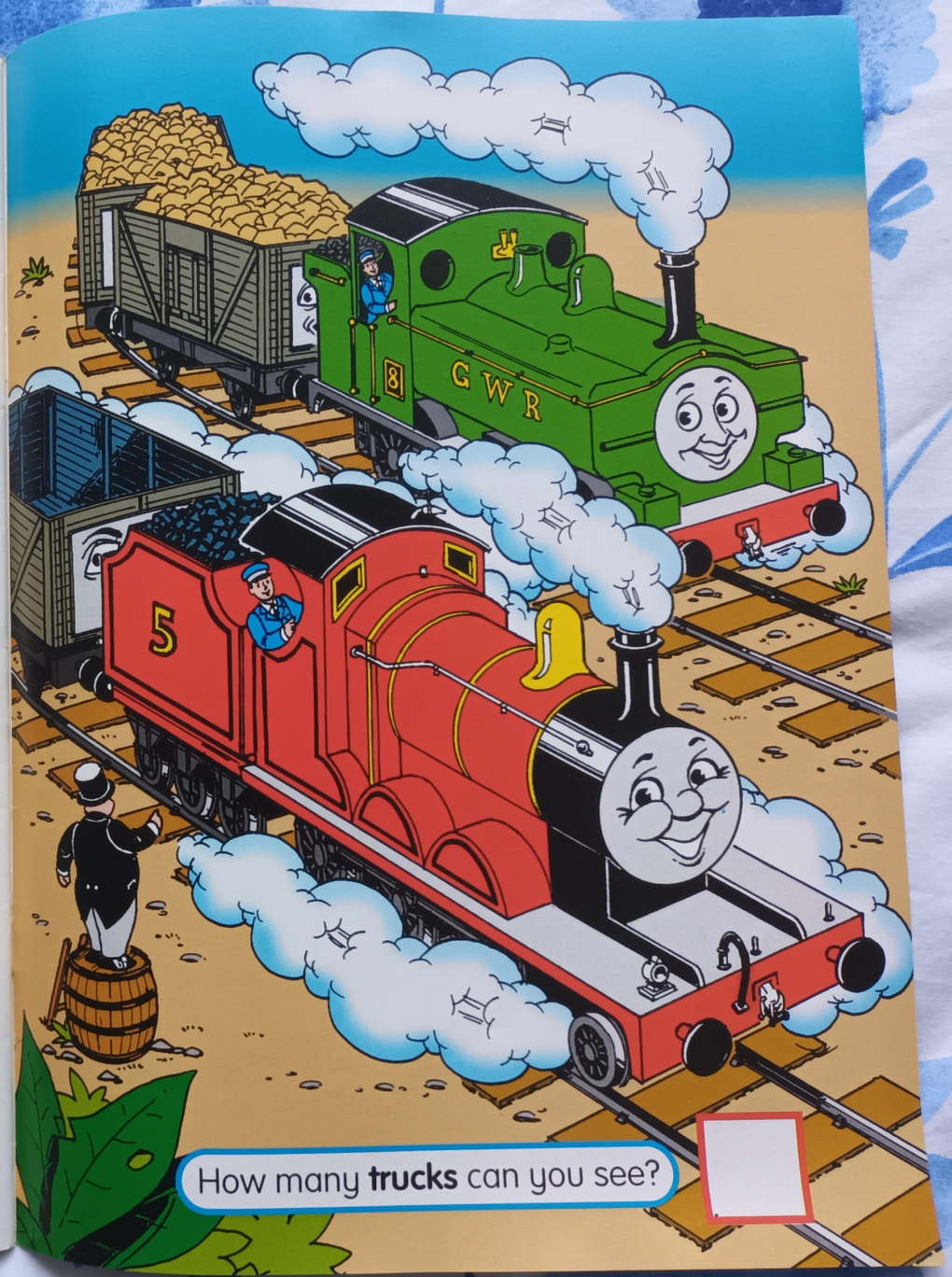
James' trucks were on the line. He began going backwards to get them.

Going backwards, James jolted his tender. It shuddered and he stopped.

"It's dangerous for tender engines to go backwards," said Duck. "I'll go!"

So he did. Then he went forwards, pushing the trucks towards James.

"Duck," said James, "I can go forwards further. But you go backwards better!"



CAREFUL, CULDEE

Culdee has come to a halt! A fallen tree has blocked the track and he must reverse to the bottom of the mountain. Using your finger or a pencil, show him the way.

How many mountain goats does he pass on his way?

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- What colour is Gordon?

Put a cross ✗ in the box with the right colour

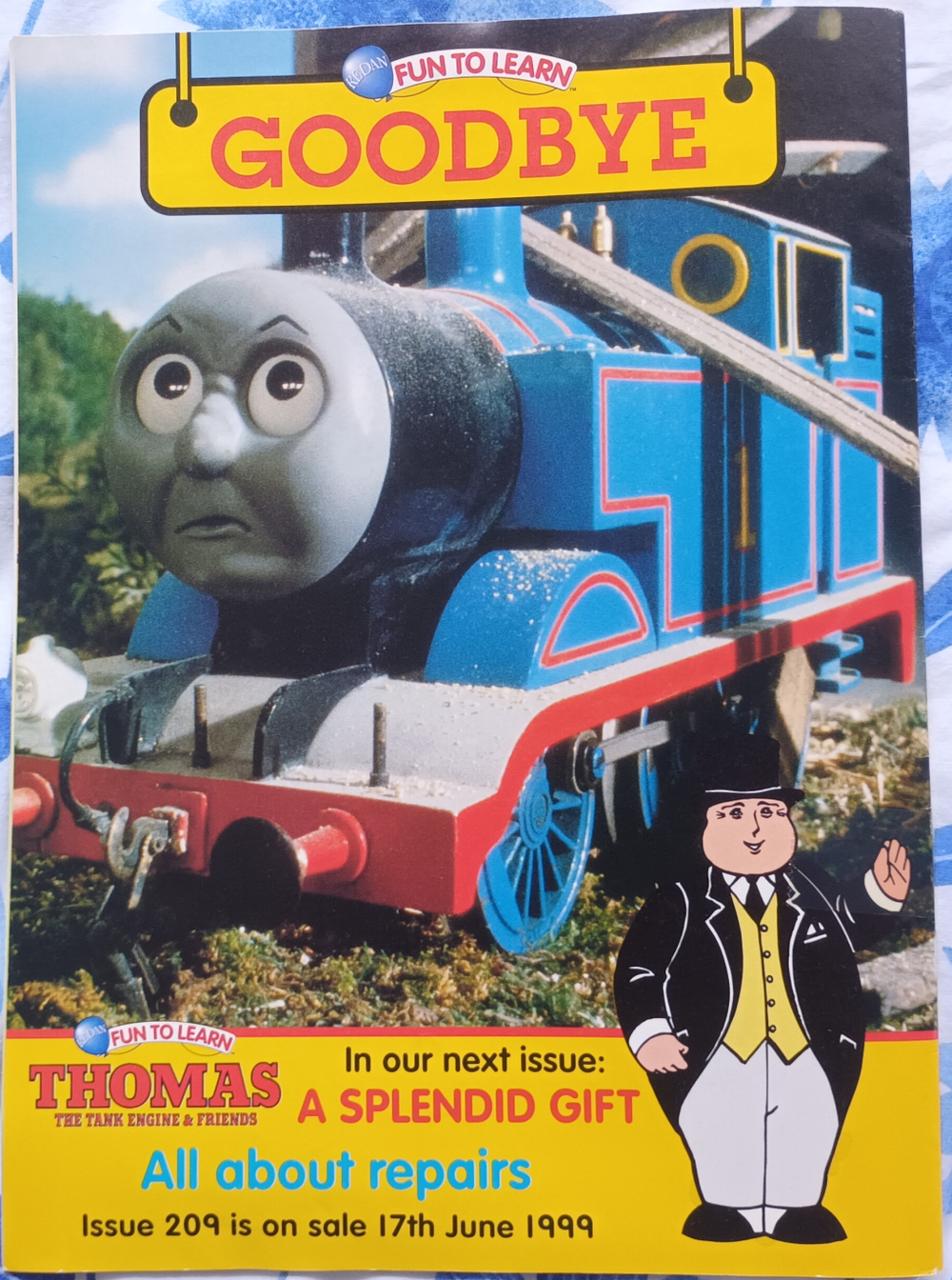
- What number engine is Percy? ☐

- What is Harold?

an engine ☐

a helicopter ☐

Put a tick ✓ in the box next to the right answer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